

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

## Harmony Day

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On the 21st of March 2023, Surveyors Creek Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day.

Harmony Day is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.' - Australian Government, Department of Home Affairs (<https://www.harmony.gov.au/about>).

To celebrate and acknowledge the cultural diversity of our school, every student from years K-6 will be participating in a cultural incursion hosted by the Sinofield Edu-Retreat. The Sinofield Edu-Retreat was initially developed as a Chinese language and cultural centre in 2014, with their focus being to provide authentic experiences to both the local community and visitors to the Blue Mountains region. In recent times, Sinofield has developed its own unique concept of 'Education Tourism'. Today, Sinofield proudly presents several unique, exciting and innovative cultural programs to schools within the Sydney region. They have developed workshops, programs and performances to entertain the students while getting them educated with every aspect related to Chinese Culture.


Each student will be given the opportunity during class time to choose ONE of the following activities to participate in on Harmony Day:

- Chinese Music
- Martial Arts
- Lion Dance
- Calligraphy
- Chinese Painting The cost of the cultural day is \$10 for each student; however, this cost will be subsidised by Surveyors Creek Public School to allow all students the opportunity to participate in the activity of their choice.

On the day, students are allowed to wear something orange or clothing traditional to their culture. Ensuring they have closed in footwear and tops that cover their shoulders.

We look forward to celebrating Harmony Day on the 21st of March 2023.

Sincerely,



Mrs Kathy Browne

Principal



Mrs Sophie Kennedy

Rel. Assistant Principal - Stage 3